<u>IN THE DRAWINGS</u>

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs 6, 9, 10 and 11. These

sheets, which include Figs. 6, 9, 10 and 11, replace the original sheets including Figs. 6, 9, 10

and 11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-28 are amended and Claims 28-31 are added by the present response. Support for amendments and additions to the claims can be found, at least, in Figures 6 and 9-11.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Seki et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2001/0048774, herein "Seki"); and Claims 4-7, 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28 were objected to as depending on a rejected base claim but including allowable subject matter.

Addressing now the rejection of Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Seki, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in part,

> a recorder which records a plurality of informative data of items, as an information file, to be used in classifying and arranging image data;
> a microphone which inputs voices;
> a voice decipher which deciphers a content of expression made by said voices picked up through the microphone;
> an item informative data extractor which extracts at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, analogous to the deciphered content of the expression, from the information file; and
> an item informative data recorder which associates the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted by the extractor with the image data, and which records the associated at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items.

Claim 15 recites similar features.

Seki describes a digital camera that is configured such that when "Voice annotation A2" is selected on the memo input selection screen,[1] the screen for recording a voice memo is displayed.[2] When "OK B1" is selected on the voice memo recording screen, the screen of the message to prompt the user to record a voice memo is displayed[3] and when the shutter release button 21 is pressed, the "Recording" message appears on the screen.[4] Further, Seki describes that the user is able to record a voice memo while pressing the shutter release button 21. Additionally, when "EXIT B2" is selected,[5] the voice memo recording is finished, and a recording screen is displayed.[6] Further, Seki describes that the system control section 101 records the input voice memo in the recording section 108 as a voice memo file while displaying this screen.[7] In other words, Seki describes recording the voice of a user, and storing the recorded voice into the recording section 108 as a voice memo file.

In contrast, Claim 1 recites that voices are input through a microphone, the content of expression made by the voices picked up through the microphone is deciphered, and that "at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, analogous to the deciphered content of the expression, is extracted from the information file." Further, Claim 1 recites that "the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted is associated with the image data, and the associated at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items is recorded." These features are not described or suggested by Seki.

In other words, although Seki describes that a voice memo may be saved, there is no description or suggestion in Seki of extracting at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items, analogous to the deciphered content of the expression, from the information

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[1] See Seki, Fig. 10.
[2] See Seki, Fig. 13.
[3] See Seki, Fig. 14.
[4] See Seki, Fig. 15.
[5] Id.
[6] See Seki, Fig. 16.
[7] See Seki, paragraph 188.

file and associating the at least one of the plurality of the informative data of the items extracted by the extractor with the image data.
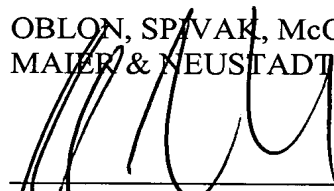
In addition, although <u>Seki</u> describes a recording section 108 and that "the data written in the frame memory (SD-RAM) 116 is recorded in the recording section 108 by the CPU 112 in a predetermined file format, such as the EXIF format," there is no description or suggestion in <u>Seki</u> of a plurality of informative data of items, as an information file, ***to be used in classifying and arranging image data that is recorded***, as is recited in Claim 1.

Therefore, as <u>Seki</u> does not teach or suggest all of the features recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 15, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 15 patentably distinguish over <u>Seki</u>.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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